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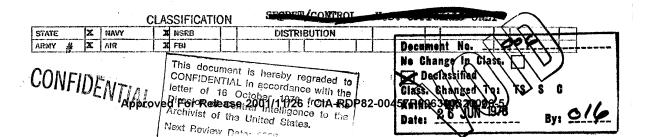
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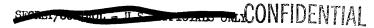
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- 1. The troops and the artillery of Bulgaria's Rilska and First Sofia Divisions, which had been deployed along the Bulgarian-Tugoslav border in the sector opposite the towns of Carevo Selo and Pehcevo, have been withdrawn to Gorna Dzhumaya. In late September, prior to the above withdrawal, approximately three thousand Bulgarian troops and some civilians were observed constructing border defenses in the area. They dug trenches and erected a three-meter high wooden fence along the border south of and opposite Pehcevo. Barbed wire was strung along the border north of the wooden fence. This work is now being continued on a greatly reduced scale by border troops.
- 2. A few days after the above withdrawal of Bulgarian troops, Yugoslavia withdrew an infantry regiment which had been stationed in and near Carevo Selo. One battalion of this regiment, which had been stationed in Pehcevo, was transferred to Berovo.
- 3. There are now approximately ten thousand Bulgarian troops in the vicinity of Gorna Dzhumaya.
- 4. As of late September or early October, the 36 Rifle (sic) Division is stationed in the area of Kocane, Yugoslavia. Only one infantry battalion had been stationed there previously. Units of 36 Division are located in Kratovo and in the villages directly south. Some artillery, of unspecified strength, has been brought to this sector from Kumanovo. South of the Kumanovo-Kriva Palanka road, in Rankovci, Sedline and other nearby villages, infantry units and one unit of artillery are encamped. The infantry units arrived from Stip, and the artillery from Skoplje. The proops are camped outside the villages where they are undergoing training and it is believed locally that they are preparing for maneuvers.
- 5. A column of tanks and military vehicles passed through Kicevo, Kugoslavia, for Debar in early October. Several military transport trains arrived in Kicevo between 2 and 5 October. The trains carried, among other things, infantry weapons and ammunition, and preserved foodstuffs. This material was loaded onto trucks in Kicevo and taken to Klenovac and Juzni Brod. where it was stored. There are no military units in Juzni Brod at this time。





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6. Forward elements of a special battalion arrived in Tetovo, Yugoslavia, on or about 13 October, and began requisitioning homes for officers and troops.* Up to one thousand troops are expected to arrive in Tetovo in a short time, coming from Sarajevo. The commandant is Lieutenant Colonel Luka Rezek, and the political commissar is Major Stanko Kos. The military postal address number of this battalion is

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7. A tank unit consisting of about thirty tanks arrived in Gostivar during the first half of October. The tanks and crews will remain in Gostivar where they will engaged in training exercises.

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Comment: This unit is reported to be a ski battalion.

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